

Appl. No. 10/035,319

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**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

At page 1, lines 18-25 please insert in lieu thereof the following amendment to the text regarding the related applications:

U.S. Patent Application Serial Number 09/999,723 ~~XX/XXX,XXX~~ filed on October 26, 2001 entitled "Method and Apparatus to Minimize the Effects of a Cardiac Insult", (~~Docket Number P9483~~);

U.S. Patent Application Serial Number 09/999,722 ~~XX/XXX,XXX~~ filed on October 26, 2001 entitled "Method and Apparatus to Minimize the Effects of a Cardiac Insult", (~~Docket Number P9669~~); and

U.S. Patent Application Serial Number 10/039,307 ~~XX/XXX,XXX~~ filed on October 26, 2001 entitled "Method and Apparatus for Electrically Stimulating The Nervous System to Improve Ventricular Dysfunction, Heart Failure, and Other Cardiac Conditions", (~~Docket Number P8969~~).

At page 16 in the table under "Blood Chemistry" please delete the word "Glucose" and insert in lieu thereof - - Glucose - -.

In the Abstract, please amend the present Abstract as follows:

A method and apparatus to provide therapy to a patient for protecting cardiac tissue from insult is disclosed. The method comprises delivering closed loop electrical stimulation to one or more predetermined portions of a portion of excitable tissue of the spinal cord of the nervous system in a patient's body; and monitoring one or more physiologic indices of the body ~~to determine whether the delivered therapy is effective~~. That is, a closed-loop feedback controller is used to apply electrical stimulation to preselected regions of the spinal cord of a patient's body based upon one or more aspects of the physiologic indices, ~~and then the physiologic response of the patient is monitored to determine the efficacy of the stimulation.~~